drawn to the news-item referred to in the question which appeared in "Hindustan Times" dated the 28th October, 1986 under the caption "Contraband worth 27 lakh seized". The details of the seizures referred to in the news-item are given below:—

(i) On 22nd October, 1986, the officers of Customs (Preventive) Collectorate, Patna, seized dinner sets, photo papers, torches, fabrics, etc. of foreign origin and Indian currency collectively valued at Rs. 15 lakhs from a truck near Barauni. The truck was also seized. In this connection, following three persons were arrested:—

(a) Gurmesh Singh

(b) Prahlad Singh

(c) Lal Bahadur Sahni

(ii) On 24th October, 1986, another siezure of readymade garments and polyester yarn of foreign origin worth Rs. 6.75 lakhs was made near Barauni. The truck carrying contraband goods was also seized and the following three persons were arrested:—

(a) Arjun Singh

(b) Amar Singh

(c) Sri Kansa Singh

(iii) On 22nd October, 1986, a consignment of 23 bags of 'scrap' booked from Adapur railway station to Varanasi under Bill No. 7107 dated 21st October, 1986, was detained by the officers of GRP Darbhanga. The packages were examined on 27.10.1986. As a result, 963 Kgs. of ganja valued at 4.61 lakhs was recovered and seized by the officers of GRP Darbhanga under the provision of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

(c) The anti-smuggling drive in the entire Indo-Nepal border region has been intensified. The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs department in the region remain vigilant against smuggling activities in general. Close co-ordination is maintained with the concerned Central and State Government authorities for taking appropriate remedial measures.

Stringent action is taken against persons found involved in smuggling activities, both departmentally as well as through prosecution in Courts. Apart from confiscation of smuggled goods and imposition of penalty, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also reserted to in appropriate cases.

Doordarshan Kendras in Orissa

*316. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places where new Doordarshan Kendras are proposed to be set up in Orissa in the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to set up T.V. Centres in the Tribal belt of Orissa; and

(c) if so, whether districts like Mayurbhanj, Phulbani and Kalahandi would got the priority in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The establishment of nine new 100 Watt TV transmitters, one each at Bhavanipatna, Baleshwar, Baripada, Bhanjanagar, Bolangir, Jeypore, Keonjhergarh, Phulbani and Sundergarh is envisaged during the Seventh Plan period. The 100 Watt transmitter at Bhawanipatna is subsequently proposed to be replaced by a high power 10 (Kilo Watt) transmitter during the VII Plan period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 100 Watt transmitters at Baripada (Mayurbhanj district), Bhawanipatna Kalahandi district, Phulbani (Phulbani district) and Jeypore (Koraput district) are expected to be commissioned during 1987-88.